



# Community Connection

*Village of Canal Winchester, Summer 2008*

## West Columbus Street Reconstruction Project

Thanks to financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission, the Village of Canal Winchester has completed Phase I of the reconstruction of W. Columbus Street, with Phase II expected to be complete in early October. Prior to the project, residents were surveyed to address their concerns with the street's current traffic flow, with the majority of comments centering on safety, saving trees and street lighting. In response to this feedback, the village took a novel approach for the reconstruction of W. Columbus Street based on an idea presented by the village's Street Tree Advisory Board (STAB).

"We are very excited about this unique roadway," said Mayor Michael Ebert. "The environmental and aesthetic implications of this street are tremendous and we hope everyone in Canal Winchester will take pride in the improvements."

Environmental, traffic and pedestrian safety issues were a high priority when planning the improvement of W. Columbus Street. The primary goals of the project were to replace the deteriorated roadway and sidewalks, improve drainage and traffic safety and enhance street lighting. These improvements were made while still protecting several large diameter trees along the roadway that Canal Winchester's Urban Forester and STAB identified as desirable to maintain.

To protect the environment in the surrounding neighborhood, the village chose to use a pervious concrete pavement on the street-side parking areas. Pervious concrete dramatically reduces runoff and flooding issues by allowing storm water to filter through the concrete surface and stone recharge layer prior to entering drainage systems and surrounding water sources. The village also kept many of the large diameter trees in tact along the street, whereas in a typical reconstruction project all of the surrounding trees would have been destroyed.

"The pervious concrete will improve drainage, reduce flooding and improve the condition of the surrounding trees over time," said Ken Cauble, president and executive director of the Ohio Concrete. "It is one of the only streets of its kind in the Midwest."

Enhancements made to West Columbus Street include:

- On-street, bump out parking areas on both sides of the street, each consisting of 7 feet of colored pervious concrete
- A reconstructed 21-foot paved roadway
- New traffic and pedestrian signals
- Decorative streetlights
- New sidewalks
- Additional roadway drainage



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## Hello... From the Mayor

*And the walls came tumbling down.* I'm happy to report that the arson house at 6334 Dietz Drive has been sold and is now under complete renovation after two plus years of disagreement between the property's insurance and mortgage companies. The village began sending letters in April and calling almost daily, pressuring the mortgage company to resolve its issues with this property so it could be sold and brought back to the standards the village and its residents want and expect. The new owner plans to have the house renovated this summer and then put it back on the market for sale.

*First it was record snow and then it was record rain.* With one of the wettest springs and early summers in recent memory, this year has been very busy for our mowing crews trying to keep up with weeds and grass, especially that of vacant property within our village. If you have tall grass or weed control problems in your neighborhood, call the village's zoning office at 834-5101.

*Have it your way.* Burger King opened its doors on June 30 and the King himself made an appearance - the Burger King that is, not Elvis. Two days earlier Roman's Pizza celebrated 30 years of business with \$8 pizzas and a live band in the alley.



Other recent celebrations, grand openings and ribbon cuttings in the village include the Dollar Tree relocation (Winchester Square on Gender Road), Safety Occupational Testing Service (Howe Industrial Parkway), Miss Marci's Sweet Treats (High Street), Anytime Fitness (Winchester Square), Tobin Merritt Associates (Howe Parkway) and Dr. Tobin Chiropractic (Howe Parkway). Congratulations and welcome to Canal Winchester.

*Summer concert series continues.* In May we saw Elvis and Frank Sinatra along with a caricature artist and a roaming magician. June featured Swing's The Thing, a 16 piece big band ensemble, and a classic car cruise-in. July included a performance by the Christy Angeletti Band as well as a country line dance tutorial. Each event also incorporated a display area by the Canal Winchester Art Guild showcasing the talents of local artists. If you missed the first three Music & Art in the Park events don't worry, you still have time to experience the last one before the summer ends. The final 2008 Music & Art in the Park event will take place on August 15 and will feature the Tropics Island Quartet and Spirit of the Pacific Islands Hula Dancers. Join in the fun.

Sincerely,

Michael Ebert, Mayor

## Break the Connection

Canal Winchester's Water Reclamation Division often gets calls when residents' basements flood and all too often, find out that the flooding was caused by an improper connection to the village's sanitary sewer system by either the resident or one of their neighbors. The village's eight-inch sanitary sewer lines can handle domestic wastewater flow from up to 200 homes. However, only eight sump pumps operating at full capacity or six homes with downspouts connected to the sewer system will overload these same eight-inch lines. Reducing this inflow not only helps prevent flooded basements, but also reduces the need

to expand the Water Reclamation facility, saving residents millions of dollars in costs over the long term.

As the village's sanitary sewer system is only designed to handle wastewater, it is against village ordinance as well as regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency for homeowners to improperly connect to this system. Instead, sump pumps, downspouts and gutters should go out to the street and into the storm water drain. To help eliminate any improper connections, the village's Water Reclamation Division is using pressurized smoke and closed circuit TV cameras

to investigate problems. Once a problem is identified, homeowners will be required to make repairs so that downspouts, gutters, and sump pumps are removed from the system.

We can use your help! If your residence has any improper connections, please have them removed as soon as possible. If you are aware of any other sources of this unwanted water in our system, please let us know. The Water Reclamation Division will gladly answer any questions you may have and can be reached at 614-837-2254.

## Does Your Property Need a Backflow Prevention Device?

Backflow is when water flows in the opposite direction of its normal flow. When this flow reversal happens, potentially hazardous chemicals such as insecticides can enter the village's water system through cross-connections. Without a backflow prevention device between your hose and faucet, the contents of the hose can backflow into the piping system and contaminate drinking water.

Some commercial properties as well as residential properties that have an irrigation system, swimming pool, hot tub or a private well with village water may be required by law to have a back-

flow prevention device. If your property falls under these requirements and does not have one, the village's Water Department requests that you have one installed as soon as possible but no later than next summer. If you're not sure, the Water Department would be happy to survey your property to confirm whether or not you need one.

Staff from the Water Department has already begun surveying commercial properties to make sure they have the correct device for their business application as well as residential properties they suspect may need one. You can

help the process by contacting the Water Department as soon as possible for a survey if you think your property might be required to have a backflow prevention device. In addition, everyone with one of these devices is required to have it inspected at least once per year. Therefore, if you already have a device, please provide the Water Department with documentation that it has been inspected during the last 12 months.

Canal Winchester's Water Department may be reached at 614-837-5623.

## The Zoning and Building Permit Process

Planning to put up a fence, add a deck or remodel your kitchen? These projects as well as many others may first require the issuance of zoning and building permits. More specifically, no owner, lessee or tenant shall use or permit the use of any structure, building or land until a zoning permit (Certificate of Zoning Compliance) has been issued that shows such structure, building or land is in conformity with the village's Zoning Code. Additionally, a building permit is required for all new construction as well as additions or remodeling of existing structures.

So, what is the application process for zoning and building permits? The process begins with the zoning permit, which must be issued before a building permit. However, the applicant can often file these documents at the same time to expedite the process. Both permits are available in the village's Building & Zoning Department at 36 S. High Street and online at [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov). For the zoning permit, click on Forms and Permits on the left hand side of the Web site, and under Planning and

Zoning, click on Application for Certificate of Zoning Compliance. Building permits may also be found under the Forms and Permits section.



The Zoning Permit application is filed with the village's Zoning Department and the permit fee is \$25.00. This application should include a description of the project which clearly defines the proposed use, with an additional narrative attached when necessary. If a structure or building is involved, a plan of the property showing its dimensions, existing and proposed structures/buildings and their dimensions, and distances to existing property lines should be included. Depending on the project, additional information may be necessary. If a building permit is required for the project, the

application should comply with all relevant requirements of the Ohio Building Code (non-residential projects) or the Residential Code of Ohio. This permit is filed with the village's Building Department.

A zoning permit application generally takes about a week to be approved or denied, however, per the village's Codified Ordinances, the village has 30 days after acceptance of the application (35 days when the Zoning Code requires action by the Planning and Zoning Commission) to approve or deny the permit. Under state law, the village's Building Department has up to 30 days to approve or deny a building permit application although this process usually only takes two weeks. In general, the complexity of the project and the quality of the information provided by the applicant will dictate how long the process takes.

Getting the needed permits up front almost always saves time and money in the end. If you have questions about the zoning and building permit process, please contact the Building and Zoning department at 614-837-7501.

## “Island Rhythms on the Canal” Music & Art in the Park

The Village of Canal Winchester will hold its final Music & Art in the Park event of the year, “Island Rhythms on the Canal,” on Friday, August 15 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. The event will feature the Spirit of the Pacific Islands Hula Dancers from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. and the Tropics Island Quartet from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Additional activities throughout the night will include a beach-themed juggler, temporary tattoos, a limbo contest and art displays by the Canal Winchester Art Guild. Hawaiian shirts, flip-flops and other beach gear is encouraged but not required.

The concert will be held at Stradley Park Place, just north of the village’s municipal building at 36 S. High Street. The France Steube Community Center, located at 22 S. Trine Street, will be used as the backup location in the case of inclement weather. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating at this free, family-friendly event. Food and drink will be available for purchase through event concessionaire,

Roman’s Pizza, whose staff will be adding a Hawaiian pizza to their concert menu in spirit of this event.

Also in the island spirit is Linda Kletrovets with Ferne’s Attic on High Street, who will be handing out leis and has the Canal Winchester Steel Drum Band performing next to her store from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Ferne’s Attic is part of the Shop, Hop and Drop put on by businesses in downtown Canal Winchester the third Friday of the month from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. through September. This month participating businesses will be supporting a food drive with donated items going to the local food pantry.

Anyone who would like more information about Music & Art in the Park should contact Carrie Hoover with the Village of Canal Winchester at [choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov) or 614-834-9727. Questions about the Shop, Hop and Drop can be directed to Linda Kletrovets at 614-833-3758.



## Mark Your Calendar

### August 15

“Island Rhythms on the Canal” Music & Art in the Park event, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### August 23

Taste of Canal Winchester, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### August 30, 31 and September 1

Labor Day Festival

### October 31

Trick-or-Treat, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
VFW Halloween Party, 7:30 p.m.

### December 5 and 6

Christmas in the Village

### December 13

Breakfast with Santa

## Taste of Canal Winchester

The Gender Road Business Alliance, a section of the Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce, will host the first-ever “Taste of Canal Winchester.” The tasting will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2008 from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. in front of WalMart. A ticket to the event will get you samples from many area restaurants and food providers, including:

- Altercare of Canal Winchester
- BW3’s
- Club 33
- Cool Cravings
- Del Mar’s Baja Mexican
- Kingy’s
- O’Charley’s
- Pals Pizza
- Papa Murphy’s
- Shade on the Canal
- Super Suppers
- Winchester Place Nursing Center

In addition to food, the event will also feature performances by Crossover with Cabot Rea, the Canal Winchester Steel Drum Band and Gym X-treme. For more information, contact Andrew Larned with Edward Jones at 614-833-6289.

## Four Fun-Filled Nights of Music & Art in the Park—One Event Left!



# canal winchester labor day festival



**August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Canal Winchester's annual Labor Day Festival is the community's largest event. What began in 1920 as a small gathering called the Fall Festival, has grown into one of Canal Winchester's favorite traditions. While it has gone through many changes over the years, the festival retains its original charm that reminds us of the heritage of our community.

This year's event will include carnival rides, a parade, live entertainment, a cruise-in and much, much more. Additional information can be found on [www.cwlaborday.org](http://www.cwlaborday.org) or by calling 614-470-0949.

## Festival Hours

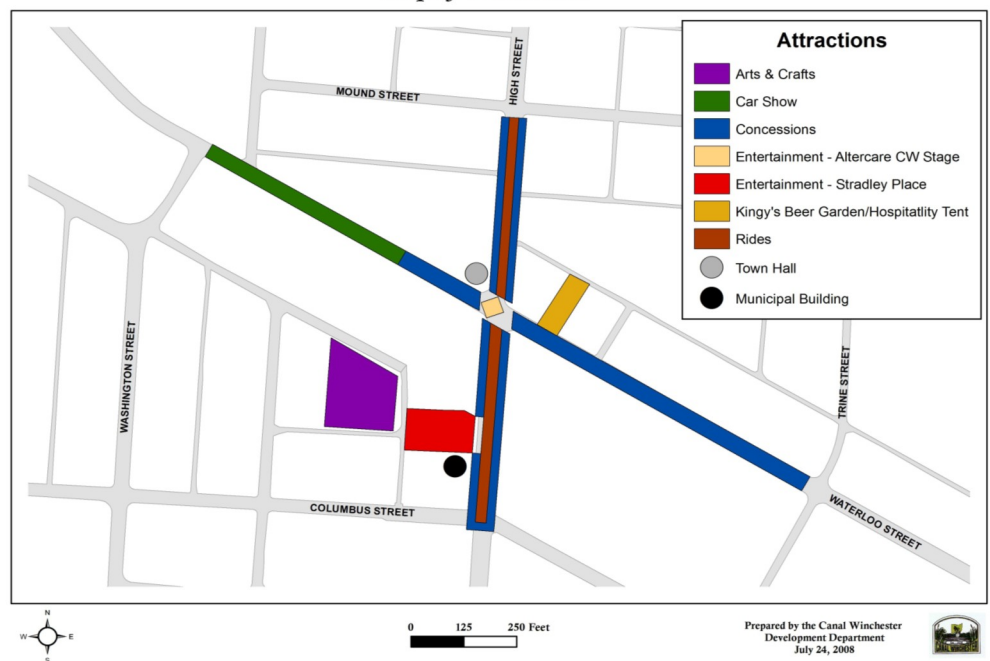
Saturday: 10:30 a.m.—11:00 p.m.

Sunday: Noon—11:00 p.m.

Monday: 10:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.



## *Canal Winchester Labor Day 2008 Map of Attractions*



## 2008 Labor Day Festival Schedule of Events

### Saturday, August 30

10: 30 a.m.	Festival Opens
10: 30 a.m.	Kingy's Beer Garden/ Hospitality Tent Opens (Bolenbaugh's Lot)
11:00 a.m.	Tiny & Little Miss Pageant (Altercare CW Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Vaudvillities (Stradley Stage)
1:00 p.m.	Puttin on the Hits (Altercare CW Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Jr. & Miss Pageant (Altercare CW Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Christy Angeletti Band (Stradley Stage)
5:30 p.m.	These Guys Live (Altercare CW Stage)
8:00 p.m.	Jacked Up (Altercare CW Stage)
11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Tent Closes
11:00 p.m.	Festival Closes

### Sunday, August 31

12:00 p.m.	Festival Opens
12:00 p.m.	Kingy's Beer Garden/ Hospitality Tent Opens (Bolenbaugh's Lot)
12:00 p.m.	Car Show (Dairy Queen Parking Lot)
12:00 p.m.	Highway 70 (Altercare CW Stage)
12:00 p.m.	Musical Chairs (Stradley Stage)
12:30 p.m.	Hula Hoop Contest (Stradley Stage)
1:15 p.m.	Limbo Contest (Stradley Stage)
2:00 p.m.	Pet Dress Up (Stradley Stage)
3:00 p.m.	David Kershner (Altercare CW Stage)
3:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Eating Con- test (Behind Stradley)
3:45 p.m.	Slime Tug-of-War (Behind Stradley)
4:00p.m.	Car Show Awards (Stradley Stage)
5:30 p.m.	British Invasion (Altercare CW Stage)
8:00 p.m.	Shuckin' Bubba Deluxe (Altercare CW Stage)
11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Tent Closes
11:00 p.m.	Festival Closes

### Monday, September 1

10: 30 a.m.	Festival Opens
10:30 a.m.	Kingy's Beer Garden/ Hospitality Tent Opens (Bolenbaugh's Lot)
10:30 a.m.	Master's Four Quartet (Altercare CW Stage)
11:30 a.m.	Cornerstone Gospel Group (Altercare CW Stage)
1:00 p.m.	Puttin on the Hits (Altercare CW Stage)
1:00 p.m.	Parade (Downtown)
3:00 p.m.	The Movement Center (Altercare CW Stage)
4:00 p.m.	Band TBA—Oldies (Altercare CW Stage)
6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Tent Closes
6:00 p.m.	Festival Closes

**Altercare CW is the  
2008 Canal  
Winchester Labor  
Day Festival's  
Platinum Sponsor**

New this year: Kingy's Beer  
Garden/Hospitality Tent.  
Proceeds to support future  
Canal Winchester Labor Day  
Festivals. Tent will feature a  
big screen television and live  
entertainment throughout the  
event.



## Remaining Village-Observed Holidays for 2008

### All Village Offices Closed:

Monday, September 1, Labor Day  
Tuesday, November 11, Veteran's Day  
Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving  
Friday, November 28, day after Thanksgiving  
Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day

## Prescription Drug Cards

The Franklin County Commissioners have made a free prescription discount card available to residents of Franklin County. This program is supported by the National Association of Counties, the United Way of Central Ohio and many other local partners. These discounts cards are available in the Village of Canal Winchester's municipal building as well as at other local government offices throughout the county.

### Benefits of the card include:

- No fees, no forms, no requirements and no restrictions regardless of age, income or healthcare coverage
- No costs to the county, county taxpayers or consumers
- All residents are eligible, with the card honored at more than 59,000 pharmacies nationwide
- Consumers always receive the lowest retail price, saving you money if you don't have insurance or on medications not covered by insurance

For more information on the card or to get a complete list of Franklin County pharmacies accepting the card, call 614-462-4534 or log on to [www.franklincountyohio.gov/RX](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/RX).

## Farmer's Market in Canal Winchester

Main Street Canal Winchester sponsors a Farmer's Market every Saturday through October 18 and Wednesdays through August 27. The event takes place in historic downtown Canal Winchester from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Merchants offer fresh produce,

flowers, hand made crafts, candy, cookies and more. Vendors interested in participating may register online at [MainStreetCanalWinchester.org](http://MainStreetCanalWinchester.org) or by calling Gaynell Garrett, Market Coordinator, at 614-833-5787. All vendors are listed on Main Street Canal Winchester's Farmer's Market Web site.



### Photos, clockwise:

- 1) Historic W. Columbus Street reopened on July 18 after a 100-day closure to reconstruct the roadway. The street features bump out parking areas and decorative streetlights as well as new pedestrian walkways and roadway.
- 2) Village officials and others involved in the reconstruction project cut a ceremonial red ribbon prior to the opening of W. Columbus Street.
- 3) Students from Faith Educare's preschool decorated signs to show their appreciation of their new street. Thanks, kids!
- 4) Residents, media and guests attended the ribbon-cutting event where the village demonstrated how pervious concrete improves storm water quality by spraying the surface with a fire hose.



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Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry, Leah Turner .....Council

## Guide to Village Employees

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Village Administration  
36 S. High Street

Community Center  
22 S. Trine Street

Accounting Clerk .....614-834-5106  
Building Dept. Administrative Assistant .....614-837-7501  
Building Official .....614-834-5102  
Clerk of Court .....614-837-7691  
Community Affairs Director .....614-834-9727  
Development Director .....614-837-1894  
Finance Director .....614-837-6937  
Mayor .....614-837-1669  
Planning & Zoning Administrator .....614-837-6742  
Receptionist .....614-837-7493  
Utility Clerk .....614-837-7716  
Zoning Officer .....614-834-5101

Community Center ..... 614-837-8276

Construction Services  
400 Ashbrook Road

Construction Services Administrator .....614-834-5109

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